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Quickly appointed, report

# Red spies in U.N. agency?

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PARIS, Dec. 20 — Many of the Russian spies recently kicked out of Britain and Belgium have been quietly appointed to posts here in a specialized agency of the United Nations, it was learned today.

These representatives of Moscow's intelligence apparatus, known as the KGB (the Russian initials for committee on state security) now hold nominal posts in the Paris-based United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

There now are 72 Russians attached to UNESCO either as members of the permanent Soviet delegation to that organization or as employees of UNESCO's secretariat (administrative staff).

This is far greater than the number of any other nationality serving at the UNESCO headquarters here. And the number of Russians has nearly doubled in recent weeks, it was learned.

## KICKED OUT 105

Britain in October kicked out 105 Russians as spies. Belgium soon after banned or refused re-entry to five alleged Soviet spies.

Sources close to the UNESCO secretariat reported that the Soviet permanent delegation of 15 members includes eight who are known Soviet intelligence agents posted here with intelligence work as their primary assignment.

The same sources said 57 other Russians now are in the UNESCO secretariat on "temporary assignment." Twenty of these are believed by these sources to be Soviet agents.

The unusually high number of Russians — 57 — stands out because technically each of the 125 governments represented is entitled to only two positions on the UNESCO administrative staff. The sources said Moscow gets around this by arranging for its people to be hired on a temporary basis.

## AVAILABLE TO FRANCE

The dollars of all the Russians — and everyone else in UNESCO — are available to the government of France. It is known that the security section of the French ministry of the interior is keeping the Russians working for UNESCO here under close scrutiny.

The Soviet group at UNESCO is headed by Sergei Kudryatsev, 56, whose title is ambassador. Only last month he replaced Vadim Sobakin, who had returned to Moscow in July.

Mr. Kudryatsev is known to U.S. security officials as a master spy with a long record of intelligence activities involving the United States.

During World War II, according to Soviet defector Ivor Gouzenko, Mr. Kudryatsev headed a Russian spy ring in Canada which obtained many Allied secrets.

After the war he directed the activities of Soviet agents who stole U.S. atomic secrets. He also masterminded the theft of British secrets using the British spies Klaus Fuchs and Alan Nunn May.

## SET UP SPY NETWORK

In 1960 Mr. Kudryatsev became Russia's ambassador to Cuba and set up a spy network there as a preliminary to the installation of Soviet missiles which led to the 1962 Cuban missile crisis.

All UNESCO officials have diplomatic immunity from arrest and imprisonment in the host country. There is no way UNESCO can prevent the Russians or any country sending spies. Anyone a government chooses to name as its representative must be automatically accepted.

This accounts for the large Russian permanent delegation of 15 while most other countries here have no more than three or four. It does not account for the extremely large number of Russians hired as employees on UNESCO's staff who are separated from the Soviet delegation itself.



—UPI Photo

**OF MICE AND MEN**—South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu participates in a game of chance at a charity fair in Saigon. Mr. Thieu won the game which involves lifting a cup setting free a mouse to run toward a numbered hole.

## Robbers knew their way around

# Canada's biggest \$ heist

WINDSOR, Ont. (UPI) — The four "polite" bandits who staged Canada's biggest bank robbery — \$1,129,000 in Canadian and U. S. currency — apparently knew the operation of the Royal Bank of Canada down to the smallest detail.

The four, wearing ski masks and brightly colored coveralls, were in and out of the bank in less than 15 minutes Saturday and had a 90-minute headstart on police. The best clue police had today was the green station wagon they were seen in after leaving thru a side entrance.

"It was a highly professional job," said Police Chief Gordon Preston. "These men knew exactly where to go and exactly what to do. The whole thing had obviously been planned well in advance."

## TRACK RECEIPTS

The loot was the receipts of the Windsor raceway, which draws large crowds from Detroit and other U.S. cities across the Detroit river. The bandits missed another \$800,000 which had already been counted and put in a vault. The bank was not open for business.

Once in the bank the men did not call each other by name, but by the numbers "one" thru "four."

A number of houses here were searched and a number of people "who could have been involved in this type of crime" were questioned, Chief Preston said.

It was the biggest cash theft in Canadian history. A robbery in 1970 from a Toronto bank netted \$6.7 million in non-negotiable bonds and in 1973 \$1.2 million in bonds was taken from a Montreal bank. The money in both holdups was secured.

Despite being robbed, the bank employees — 11 women and two men — had praise for how

fore taking them upstairs and handcuffing them to water pipes.

The bank manager, Kenneth Moore, walked into the middle of the robbery and thought one of the men serving as a lookout was an employee. Then the man pulled down his mask which had been partially lifted, and Mr. Moore saw his gun.

The four apparently knew the track receipts were to be delivered by armored truck at 9:30. They showed up five minutes after it left. They entered the bank without being challenged, apparently with keys that got them through two locked doors and into the counting room. There the women — hired specifically to work on Saturday mornings when the receipts are brought to the bank — were counting the money and stacking it.

## Deadly pills in Reno high schools

RENO, Nev. (UPI) — Deadly seasonal pills possibly 30,000 of them, may be intercalated in this area, narcotics officers warned yesterday. Police said the pills might be laced with poisonous strychnine.

At least 28 youths have been treated for violent drug illness since the capsules entered several high schools Wednesday. Five youths are still hospitalized, but they were reported in good condition.

Several teen-agers told police that the pills known as "red devils" were sold for 25 cents by a man in school hallways.

John Page, 23, was arrested on narrow charges of selling pills to a girl led officers to a private residence. Police said 2,000 pills were confiscated in the arrest.

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# Russian spies infiltrate Unesco H.Q.

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THERE is grave concern, and a feeling of total frustration, over the growing penetration by the K.G.B. and other Soviet intelligence agencies of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and

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(Unesco) which has its  
seat in Paris.

There are at present 72 Soviet officials in the organization. Fifteen belong to the Soviet Union's permanent delegation and the other 57 are on temporary posting to the Secretariat.

Of the 15 permanent officials at least eight are known to be Soviet intelligence officers sent for the prime purpose of intelligence work.

Figures are less precise concerning the Soviet staff on the Secretariat, but it is thought that at least 20 are also intelligence agents of one sort or another.

## Kremlin control

Though all members of the Secretariat are supposed to be international civil servants with an international allegiance, there is little doubt in the Russians' case that they are closely controlled by their own national delegation, that is, by the Kremlin.

As reported in *The Sunday Telegraph* the permanent representative of the Soviet Union to Unesco, Mr. Kudryavtsev, is himself a senior K.G.B. official who has been publicly exposed for his intelligence activities in several countries before he received his Paris post.

The following members of his  
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## LATE NEWS

### DOLLAR TO BE DEVALUED

By our Washington  
Correspondent

United States agreed yesterday to devalue dollar by 7-8 per cent and remove 10 per cent surcharge on imports.



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## Russian spy group

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delegation can also be named as officials of the K.G.B. or of Soviet military intelligence:

Yuri Kochubei, representative of the Ukraine at Unesco;

Vladimir Erofeev, the assistant director-general of administration in Unesco;

Nicolai Volkov, counsellor of the permanent delegation of the Soviet Union; and

Alexander Krasilov, chauffeur of the permanent delegation.

Among the many members of the Secretariat known to be officials of or collaborators with the K.G.B., are the following:

Mikhail Aniszenko, of the Documents and Publications Department;

Oleg Dyachenko, of the Bureau of Personnel;

Alexei Ikonnikov, of the Personnel Bureau;

Lev Kostikov, of the Technological and Research Division; and

Vladimir Parail, Director of International Co-operation in the Scientific Research Division.

Most of these individuals spend only a few hours a week at their desks to maintain some semblance of authenticity. The rest of their week is devoted to activities which have nothing in common with the organisation's aim or its charter.

The French Government, though the host country, cannot be blamed for this state of affairs which it deplores as much as anyone else in the Western Alliance.

### Diplomatic immunity

All Unesco officials enjoy diplomatic immunity in France, and within the organisation there is simply no power of veto which can be imposed on staff nominations from member states.

If a national is sponsored for any particular job by his home government he has to be accepted. Unless, therefore, a so-called expert is caught red-handed in espionage activities, he can enjoy his safe haven.

It is feared that, following the mass expulsions of K.G.B. agents from diplomatic missions in London and Brussels this year, and the possibility of similar action in other Western capitals next year, the Kremlin will make more and more use of such safe havens, whether in this or in other United Nations bodies.

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